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This place looks good...
Hmm. I don't know, Simone
YES! WE'RE OPEN MINDED
I think I got some bad Karma here once
Hi! I'll be your guru this evening
MENU
Today's Special
ALL-YOU-CAN-BELIEVE BUFFET!
Oh, LOOK!
They have fresh insights!
I don't see any mixed messages
Do you mince your words here?
Oh No!
Hi! I'll be your guru this evening
We use only the finest intentions!
Great! I'd like one rare moment of enlighten-ment, please!
It comes with total awareness!
That's too much for me to digest...
But it's made from all different kinds of perspectives...
All I want is a simple answer!
OKay! With or without an explana-tion?
Without!
I'll just swallow it whole...
Well, OKay
Hi! I'll be your guru this evening...
I can't wait! My soul is STARVED!
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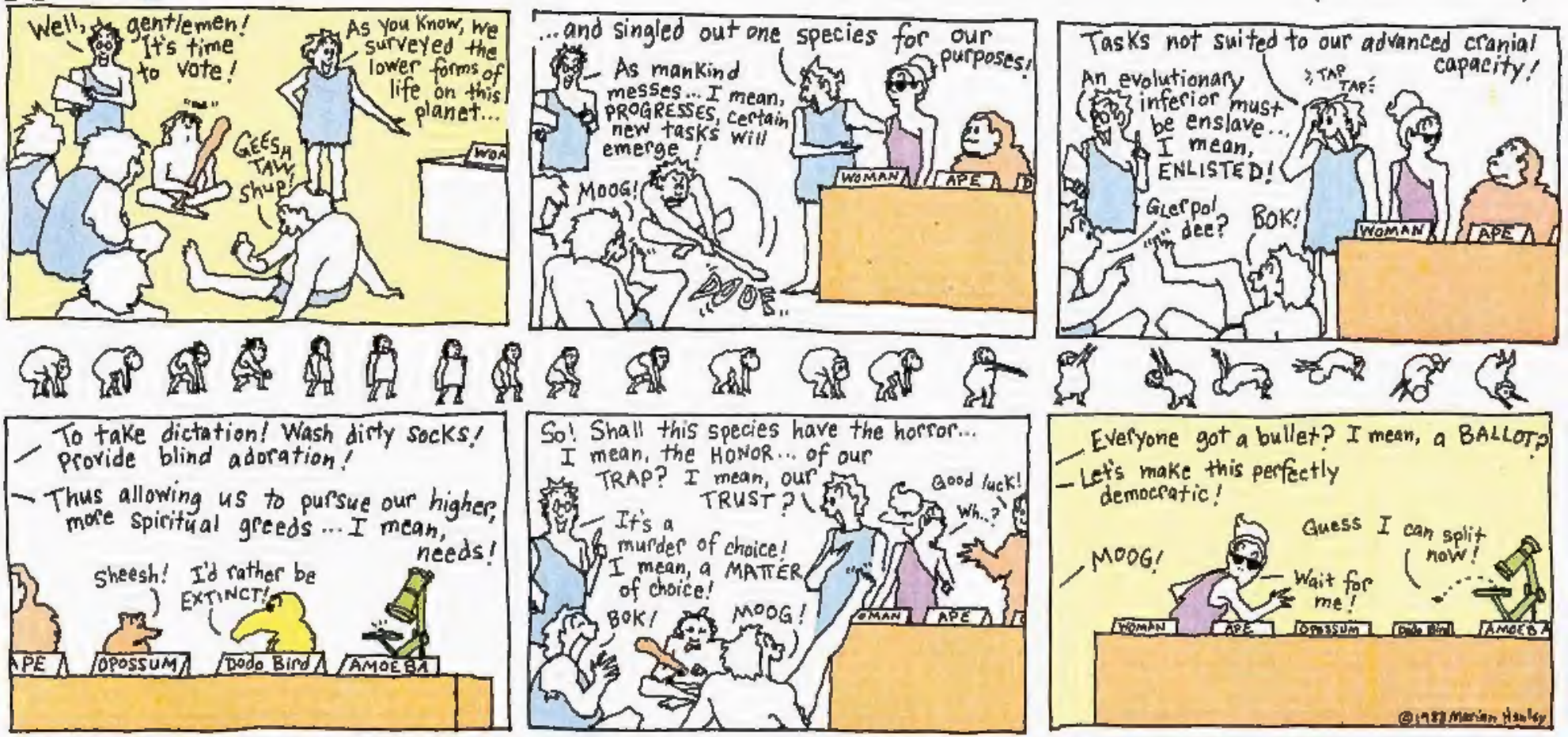
Well, gentlemen! It's time to vote!
As you know, we surveyed the lower forms of life on this planet...
GEESH TAW! Shup!
...and singled out one species for our purposes!
As mankind messes... I mean, PROGRESSES, certain new tasks will emerge!
MOOG!
WOMAN
APE
Tasks not suited to our advanced cranial capacity!
An evolutionary inferior must be enslave... I mean, ENLISTED!
TAP TAP!
Glerpol "" dee?
BOK!
WOMAN
APE
To take dictation! Wash dirty socks! Provide blind adoration!
Thus allowing us to pursue our higher, more spiritual greeds... I mean, needs!
Sheesh! I'd rather be EXTINCT!
APE
OPOSSUM
Dodo Bird
AMOEBA
So! Shall this species have the horror... I mean, the HONOR... of our TRAP? I mean, our TRUST?
It's a murder of choice! I mean, a MATTER of choice!
Good luck!
Wh..?
BOK!
MOOG!
WOMAN
APE
Everyone got a bullet? I mean, a BALLOT?
Let's make this perfectly democratic!
MOOG!
Wait for me!
Guess I can split now!
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Dodo Bird
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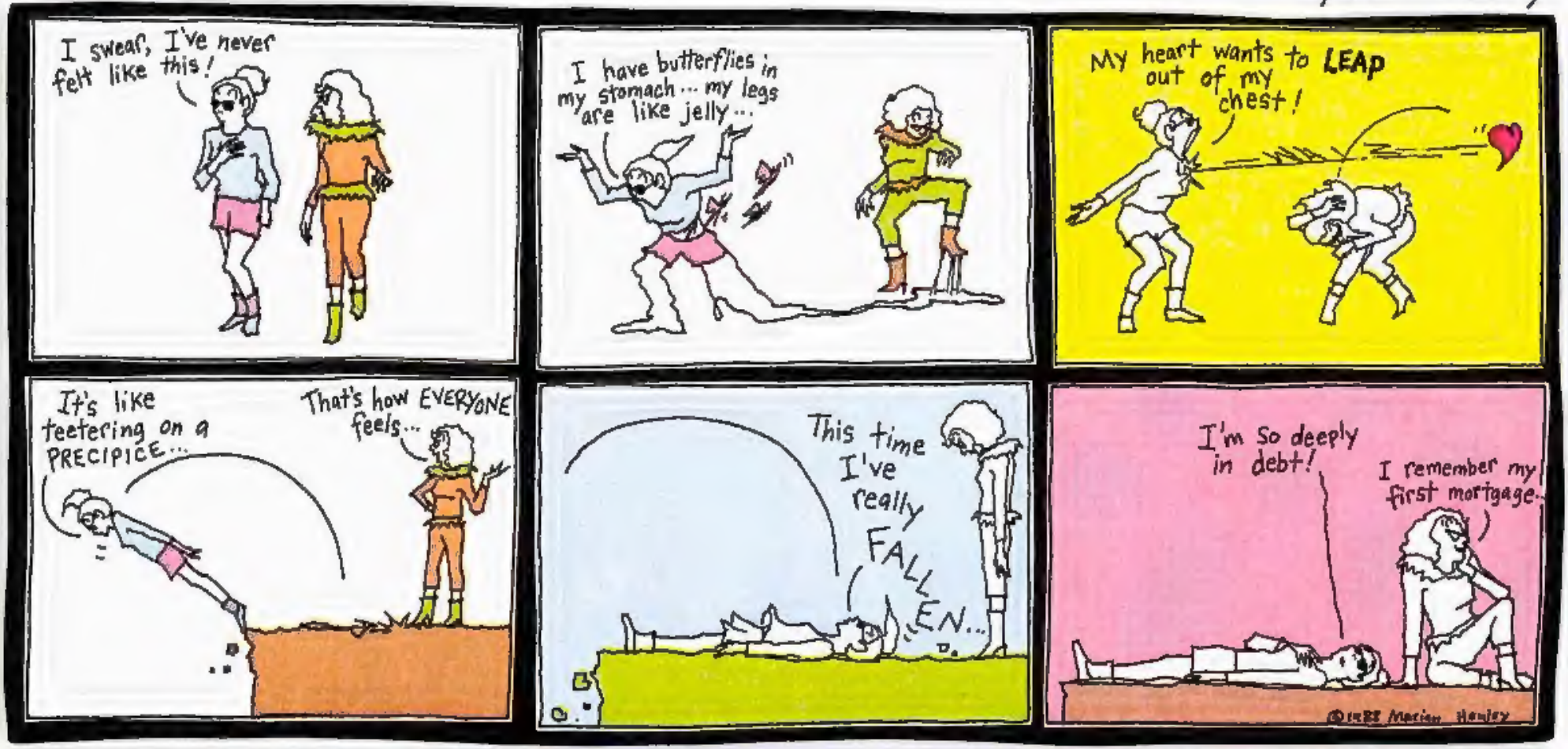
I swear, I've never felt like this!
I have butterflies in my stomach... my legs are like jelly...
My heart wants to LEAP out of my chest!
It's like teetering on a PRECIPICE...
That's how EVERYONE feels...
This time I've really FALLEN...
I'm so deeply in debt!
I remember my first mortgage...
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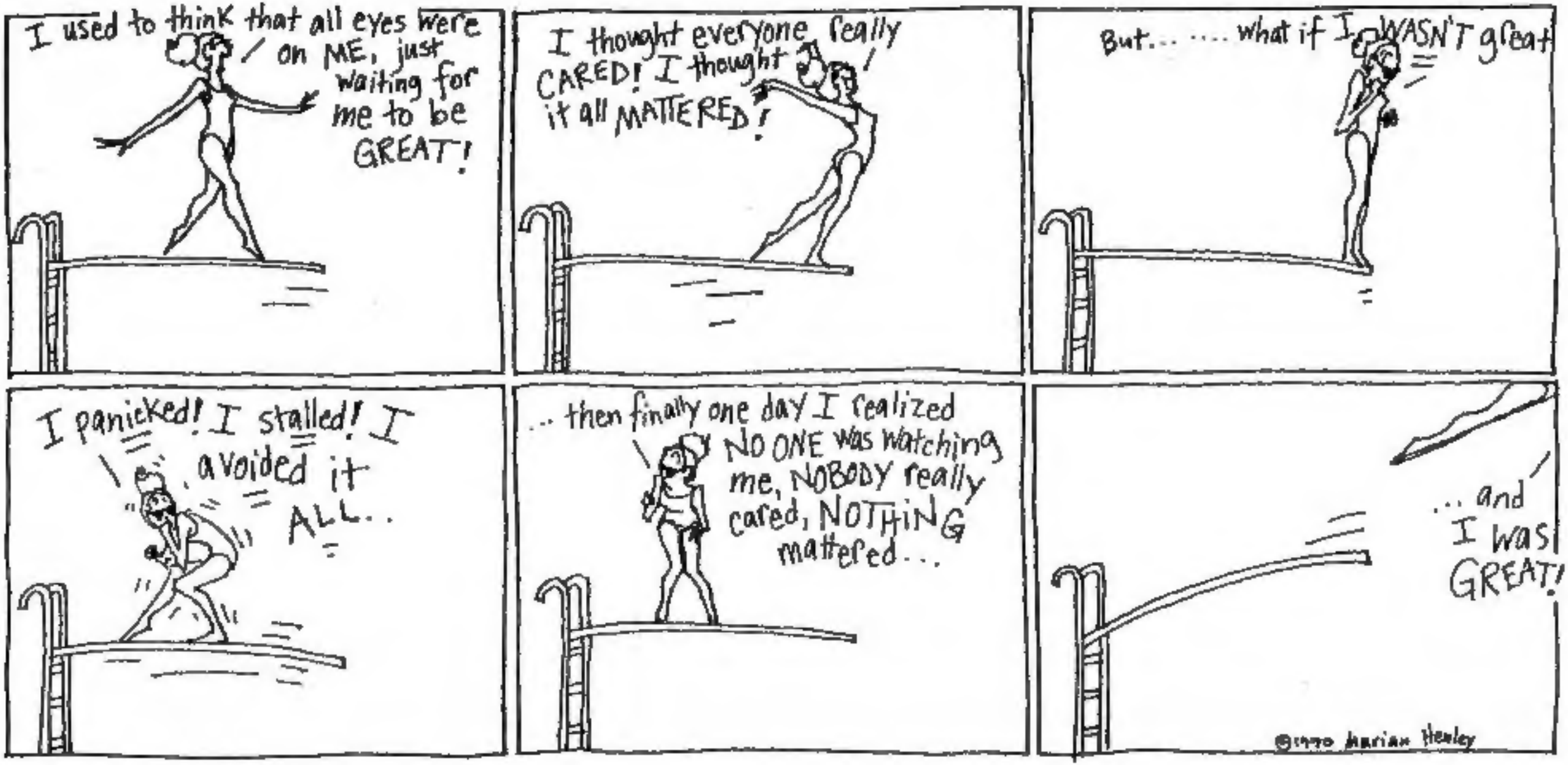
I used to think that all eyes were on ME, just waiting for me to be GREAT!
I thought everyone really CARED! I thought it all MATTERED!
But..... what if I WASN'T great
I panicked! I stalled! I avoided it ALL..
... then finally one day I realized NO ONE was watching me, NOBODY really cared, NOTHING mattered...
... and I was GREAT!
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I've been ROBBED! Some Guy took my WALLET!
Well, what did you EXPECT?
You're dressed so EXPENSIVELY!
I'm afraid you wouldn't have much of a case!
It'll be your word against THEIRS!
WHAT?
How could you prove that you weren't willing?
WILLING?
Nice men keep their wallets covered in fabric!
They spend money RECKLESSLY...
...and don't call attention to their FINANCIAL CHARMS!
Otherwise, people get the wrong idea!
If someone takes your money, it's YOUR fault, not THEIRS!
This...
THIS IS CRAZY!
No, this is pro-feminist!
I mean, if you accuse somebody financially, you've got to follow through...
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These environmental extremists have no common sense!
Regulating business to accomodate their concerns CREATES more problems than it solves!
Growth is restricted! Expenses go up! Profits go down! People lose their jobs!
Nature is nice, but the bottom line is SURVIVAL...
And let's FACE it! What do people need most to survive?
Jobs!
Oxygen!
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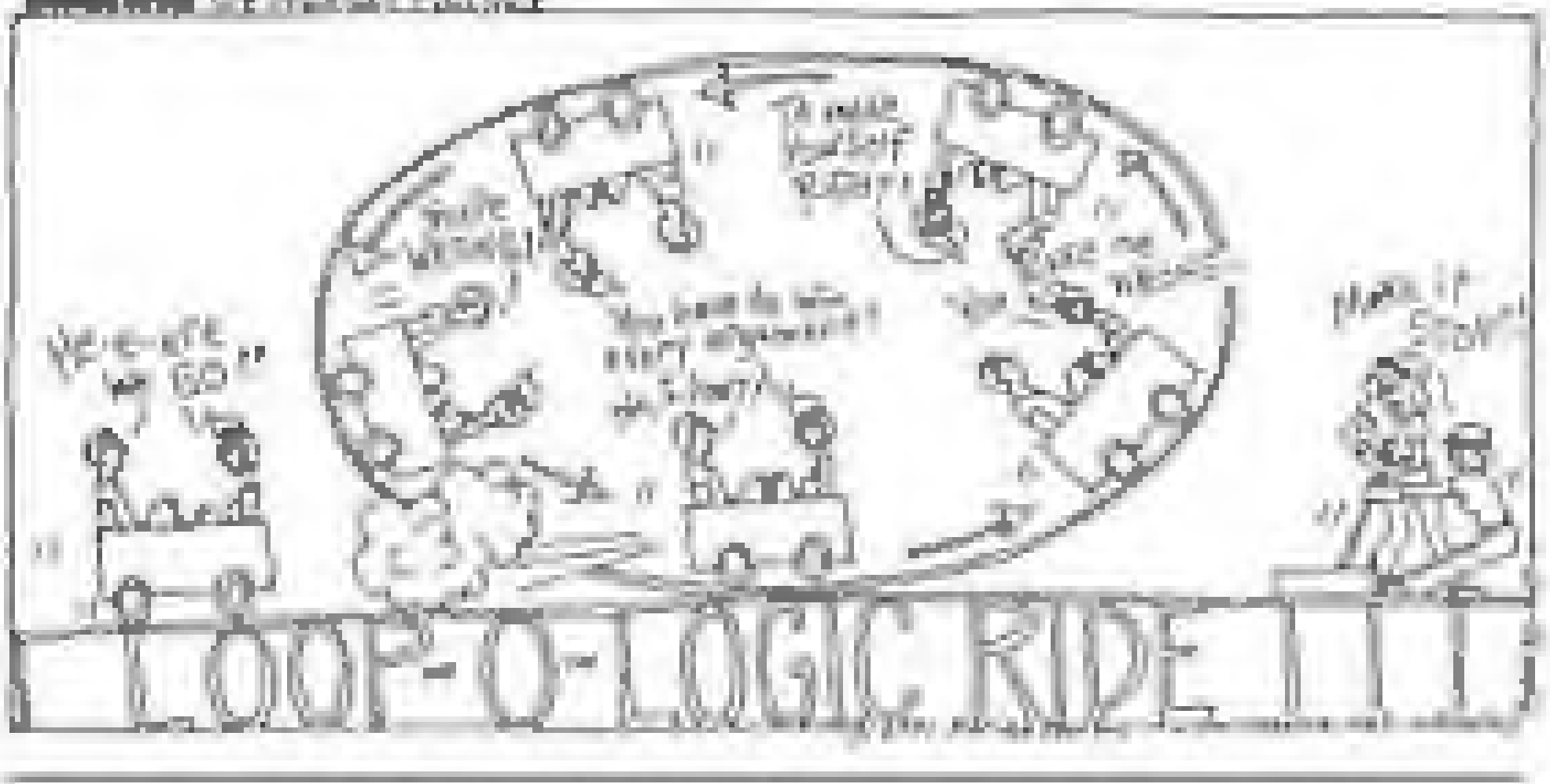
Gah
"Gah? I wonder what he means by THAT?

TRADING PLACES

I feel a general gnawing insecurity about the state of our relationship and an irresistible urge to discuss it at great length over lunch with my best friends, analyzing each and every possible nuance of her words, moods, and behavior...
I wonder if I can make out those hilarious prompt cards



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